

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Dennis, Pelura, Dowe, Newton and Brown were present. Also present at this meeting were J. Proffitt-Clerk, M. Stout-Administrator/CMFO, J. Santogrossi-Public Works Manager, G. Krivda Police Chief and A. Telsey- Solicitor.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Brown diverted from the agenda to read:

RESOLUTION 2018-162

HIRING MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER ELLER AS A POLICE OFFICER

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to authorize the hiring of Matthew Christopher Eller as a Police Officer with the Carneys Point Township Police Dept. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous roll call vote was taken. Officer Eller was sworn in by Solicitor Adam Telsey. Chief Krivda said it was a long process with many interviews. Only three candidates were brought before the Committee. Officer Eller once worked at the Township as a Dispatcher, worked in Wildwood and in PennsGrove. Chief Krivda said be true to yourself, be honest and I will see you tomorrow.

Under **Committee Departmental Reports** Mr. Dennis gave an update on the grant he spoke of at the last meeting. He said the contained breathing apparatuses are not covered by the grant. So, the only item on the grant will be the fire vehicle. Mr. Dennis mentioned needing a schedule for replacement of the breathing apparatus.

Mayor Brown said on October 5th Public Works has completed the tree trimming and clearing of nine alleyways. He said the remaining five will be done this coming Friday, October 19th. On October 16th Public Works did minor road repair on the corner of Lanning road and 6th Ave. He said with the Sewerage Authority they cleared out the ditch at 106 N. DuPont Road. Mayor Brown said tomorrow our Grant Writer will be here to see the parks and rec. fields. We are hoping for a grant to improve and repair the parks and play grounds. Mayor Brown mentioned he will be attending the JIF regular monthly meeting on October 22nd. He has been sending out JIF Safety bulletins to various departments. Mayor Brown mentioned the Employee/Volunteer Health Fair tomorrow from 11 to 2 in the court room.

Mayor Brown updated the residents on the road project. North Broad St. from Main St. to Rt 130 has been held up due to contractor asking for additional time. The Water Company stripped South DuPont, Georgetown and Walker Ave. This was not to the Mayors satisfaction. He found they only strip what the covered. The Township will have to put money in the budget to get this done ourselves.

Mr. Dowe mentioned the upcoming event, Halloween in the Park on Wednesday, October 24th starting at 6 pm. He said there will be a costume contest with one prize in three different age groups and one over all prize. This will be open to children or grandchildren of Township residents only.

Mr. Pelura commented that at 106 N. DuPont Road the drain pipe under the driveway at the residence was also cleared. He mentioned the best practice inventory is out. Mrs. Stout will be

sending out information for our review prior to the meeting on November 7th. Lastly, Mr. Pelura reviewed the 2018 Added Assessment and Rollback Report from the Assessor. He said the Total Taxes were \$138,557.57. The County's portion is \$47,960.55 and the Township's share is \$90,597.02. Motion to approve the reports was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$3,364,749.18**. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Newton to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from September, 2018**. All were in favor.

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the **Administrative Compensation Time**, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the **minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on October 3, 2018** seconded by Mr. Dennis with all being in favor.

RESOLUTION 2018-163

CONTRACT FOR ROCK SALT

Mr. Dennis made a motion to award a contract to Atlantic Salt Company, Inc. through the Salem County Cooperative pricing system for rock salt. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-164

AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to approve an amendment made to the Personnel Policies and Procedures manual. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-165

CONTRACT WITH CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve a contract with Cumberland County of the Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals' T/A South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter, for sheltering of animals from Carneys Point. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-166

APPROVE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR RT. 48 PROPERTIES

Motioned by Mr. Newton to approve the reduction of the Performance Bond for Route 48 Properties, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-167

SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH NJDOT FOR BIANCA AVE.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the submission of a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT for the Bianca Ave. roadway improvement project. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Brown mentioned a request from Sherri Santiago to extend her FMLA leave. Mr. Newton made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Mr. Dowe said he heard she is doing well and will be home soon.

Mayor Brown spoke of a letter from Chemours regarding hazardous waste receipts. He said we signed an agreement with them for a percentage payment of third party or new tenants waste. This letter states they have had neither at this time.

Mayor Brown received a letter from the County Engineer's Office on a road closure on Saturday, October 20th for the Homecoming Parade. The road is East Main Street in Penns Grove.

Mayor Brown mentioned the Save the Date memo from the JIF on the Elected Officials Liability Seminar. He said the dates are on the sheet so plan to attend one of the sessions.

Under **Old Business** Mayor Brown said at our last meeting NJ Green Med Plus attended the meeting to speak on a Medical Marijuana facility and its benefits. They have requested a letter of support from the Township. The Mayor said he has signed a letter of support. Mr. Pelura said this is the same letter that any business would get from the Township, it supports their application with the State. The Mayor said there is only six licenses to be awarded by the State by the first of November. Mr. Dowe supported signing the letter of support, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown said the Township Engineer has requested to go out to bid for the paving of N. DuPont Road and Walker Ave. Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the Engineer to go out to bid, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

With no items under **New Business** to be addressed Mayor Brown moved on to open the meeting up for Public Participation.

Public Participation: Donna Ross Attorney for NJ Green Med Plus and Cleo Kirkland CFO addressed the Committee. She thanked the Committee for their support. She said they hope to open a facility and create jobs and provide education opportunities. She said she is proud of what is done at our facilities. She said this is a natural alternative medicine for chronic pain suffers. Mr. Cleary asked why have they not had a public meeting on what they are planning on building. Ms. Ross said there will be time for that but the application process was very tight and had to be filed first. She said there will only be two licenses in this area.

Debbie Bradford of Johnson St. thanked the Committee and Public Works on the job of cleaning up the alleyways. She asked why are the houses in Laytons Lake not have hand rails. She was always told three steps or more require a rail and they do not. Mayor Brown said the permits were approved in 2007 and she would have to ask the Construction Code Office.

Martin Cleary of 233 Broad St. asked why were the taxes raised so high before the revaluation. He said his taxes raised by \$300 dollars. Mr. Pelura said there is a pie chart on the bulletin board in the foyer that gives the percentages of County, School and Township taxes. He said you will notice the Township portion is the least amount. The budget for the Township is around 10 million while the School is around 36 million. Very few people go to the School Board meetings or the Freeholder meeting and complain why their taxes are so high but they come here because we collect the taxes. Mayor Brown said the School needs better funding and residents should go to those meetings. Mr. Cleary moved on to discuss shared service agreements. He does not feel what we have are shared services and we should look to do more. He asked about the damage the trucks are doing to the alleys, ruts. He wanted to know if they are going to be fixed. Mayor Brown said we are working on cleaning up the alleys first. The liens will be put on the resident's properties if they do not keep the alleys cleared.

Elaine Titus Johnson St. also thanked the Committee for the work in the alleys. She asked for an update on the 287 Johnson St property. Mayor Brown said the Township received three quotes for the demolition of the house. We are waiting on paperwork such as insurance and permits and such. He said he is not sure of the time line. Ms. Titus said she thinks there are cats living under the house and would like to see they removed before demolition. She also asked about the house at 289 Johnson St. Mr. Newton said he will look into what is going on there tomorrow with the Code Office. Lastly, Ms. Titus asked about penalties for animal cruelty. Mr. Telsey said the

SPCA's have lost control of processing animal cruelty cases. It is now in the Prosecutors Office at the County. Chief Krivda said there is an officer who will be certified to handle animal cruelty cases in Carneys Point. They have to take four classes in November to become certified.

Mark Ransome of Robinson Road spoke of putting street lights on his road. He said there is a light at the beginning of the road but none after that. Mr. Ransome said there are poles at the end of the road. Mayor Brown said he will stop by so he can see the problem. Mr. Ransome also mentioned the trash truck does a u-turn in his driveway and is destroying the asphalt. This too will be looked at.

With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

RESOLUTION 2018-168

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pelura motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:52 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:16 pm.

Mr. Pelura said in connection to Mr. Cleary's remark was what Mr. Reis did in Public Works years ago was illegal and we are not about to do the same thing.

Mr. Pelura said new street lights will cost the Township money. Mrs. Stout said the poles are already there so it will only be the light kits.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dowe to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved: 11-7-2018


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk